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For (Title):

MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT SUBSTRUCTURE, MAGNETORESISTIVE

ELEMENT AND MICRO DEVICE, AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME

By (Inventors):

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$\boxtimes$	Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-33B; 18 sheets) are attached.
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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.Priority of foreign application No. 2000-077954 filed March 21, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119). the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing

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